FROM THE FIELD.

Carleton, Nebraska Church.

The Carleton church has no pastor at present—Bro. DeBolt has started out to do evangelistic work—and while they are looking round to supply this want, they are calling in ministers from their surroundings to preach for them occasionally. In this way I had the pleasure of meeting this church again on Saturday evening, Jan. 26th, and the following Sunday morning and evening. I have met with the Carleton brethren occasionally since the spring of 1883, when I visited them in connection with the Bismark Grove Annual Meeting. At that time there were only a few brethren living in town, and the town itself was a little one, but Albert Saylor and Harvey Lichty were in the real estate business and were working with an energy that was bound to result in a boom.

Two years ago this winter I went to Carleton again. Bro. Bashor had been holding a meeting and had left without baptizing his converts, and I was called there from Falls City to baptize and preach a few sermons for them. Eight were added to the number at this time, and the Brethren church began to take form from henceforth, numbering about twenty members, and being partly organized. They maintained a Sunday school and prayer meeting, holding their meetings in the Presbyterian church, which they had hired for the purpose.

The church had no regular pastor until January 1888, when Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt took charge, and during the year many were added and the church prospered greatly. They now number seventy-five or one hundred members, and have a new church building well under way. After it is finished it will not only be the best church house in Thayer county, but the neatest and most commodious Brethren meeting house west of the Mississippi. The building of such a church in a new country is an undertaking that requires considerable sacrifice. The brethren at Carleton are possessed with zeal that is commendable or they could not pull through with their undertaking.

Upon the occasion of my visit I found the church in an active working condition. On Saturday evening the congregation was not large. On Sunday morning the house was well filled though a snowstorm, the severest of the winter, was in full progress. In the evening the house was quite full. The Sunday school cannot be too highly spoken of. It is superintended by Bro. Whipkey and Bro. H. M. Lichty is also actively engaged in helping along with the work. Bro. W. S. Lichty is a model teacher of the infant class, and then there are a corps of sisters to help with the teaching and singing that makes that Sunday school a lively hive of busy workers from one corner of the house to the other. A sister Wimer and her daughter, readers of the EVANGELIST for the last six months, living at Wayne, in Republic county, Kansas, came to this meeting, a distance of 100 miles, for the purpose of uniting with the Brethren church. The daughter was baptized Sunday afternoon and was confirmed by the laying on of hands in the evening. Bro. Wimer is a deacon in the German Baptist church and they have a son who will graduate from the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan next year. I mention this for the benefit of the managers of Ashland College who may be in need of such a young man by and by.

And in order to call attention of our brethren to the importance of making our EVANGELIST do missionary work, I will say that these people had been informed that the 'progressives' were about played out; that in many places their organizations were broken up and those who had left the old church had came back again, etc. It was by reading the EVANGELIST and learning through it that the church was everywhere in a prosperous condition, that they were influenced to come to Carleton upon this occasion. There should be a fund started to send the EVANGELIST into the mission field. The importance of the different churches reporting the progress in their work is also apparent from the above and should constitute an important feature of our church paper.

E. L. YODER.

Akron, Ind.

The Brethren and sisters in this community, under charge of Bro. Noah Heeter, erected a church building three miles south east of Akron, Ind., last summer and completed it January 10th, 1889, and dedicated it January 13th. It was named the new Highland church. Bro. Heeter wrote to several ministers to come and assist him in the dedication, but as the people assembled at the dedication to the number of about 500, the foreign ministers failed to make their appearance. Bro. Heeter was left alone to perform the services of the dedication and continued the meeting to Jan. 26th. The church has great reasons to be congratulated on the success of the meeting. The interest was such that people living five miles away attended. Seventeen precious souls were added to the church by baptism; ten were heads of families. A deep religious feeling permeated the entire community, and men who seemed beyond the reach of God's spirit were convinced of the error of their ways, and we look for others to follow soon. Brother Heeter does not shrink to declare the whole truth of the counsel of God, and we all feel revived, and rejoice that so many made peace with God, and are making a start to live a Christian life. We fully realize that the cause at the New Highland church has been greatly strengthened. Bro. Heeter has worked faithful for many years, and may God give him many more years of usefulness in the Brethren church.

S. S. HOFFMAN.

Worthy of Attention.

To my dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ:

This plain statement comes to you from your crippled Brother, who does not seek worldy honors, or wealth, but earnestly desires food and raiment. All who are personally acquainted with me, knows, that I never was lazy or profligate, but used every laudable means to aquire a competency, and render my home, for all came into it, comfortable and happy. Now I am unable to walk, unassisted by my cane, and can not work at any thing, only in a sitting attitude. Have good bodily health, and could acquire a sufficiency for life, by cobbling, if I had the means, to start with. I can get a good shop free of all charges and my profits, including my labor, would keep me and I could furthermore, attend meetings at Fairview Fayette Co., O. the nearest point from here (72 miles.)

I have thought, if my dear Brethren and sisters knew of my circumstances in life, many of them would donate a dime or two for my relief, amid the great pressure for help, in other demands, equally laudable.

In all sincerity, I prayfully submit my appeal to you for relief, to your prayerful considertion, and action. Fraternally.

W. S. LYON.

Wilson P. O. Adams Co. Ohio.

A Suggestion About Statistics.

After a careful reading of the Annual for 1889, and knowing an editor is unable to give exact statistics of the church without the co-operation of some one connected with each congregation, also believing that a better knowledge of how many churches there are, when organized, and the members in each congregation would be a great satisfaction to many, I will suggest a way that such information could be had with very little trouble if each would do their part.

Have the clerk of each congregation on Sept. 30th, of each year send the statistics of their congregation to the party that publishes the Annual. The first might be something like this:

Name of church.
When organized.
No. when organized.
No. of members Sept. 30, 1889.

The following years such organizations of congregations that had been effected during the year could make the same report, while all others could make a report like this:

Name of church.
No. of members Oct. 1, 1889.
Received—by relation—letter—baptism—
Lost—No. of members Sept. 30, 1890—disowned—letter—death—

One line across a page of the Annual would give the above information, and then any person could see what work had been done during the year, where the most effective work has been done, and our numerical strength.

If there was room the name of the clerk and his post office address might be added, so if any party wished to open correspondence with the church, they would have the address of the proper party to write to.

Churches of each state should be placed together for convenience.

Should like to hear through the EVANGELIST if something of this kind would not prove satisfactory? If not, why not?

S. W. METSKER.

Smithfield, Pa.

Bro. S. W. Wilt has engaged to preach fifteen months for the Grove brethren. He began on the 12th of January, and preaches once a month. He came from the Grove church to my place, and preached two sermons at Woodbridge town to full houses. We will commence a protracted meeting at Woodbridge town on the 11th of February, to continue two weeks.

WM. MORTON.

Buckeye City, Ohio.

Bro. J. Allen Miller came here on January 21st, and commenced meeting. Since then there has been meeting every night, and the congregations are large and good interest is being manifested. The prospects are splendid for an ingathering. Our efforts are attended with good success.

ISAAC ROSS.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. W. L. Stahl went to Glenford, Perry county, Ohio, on the 2nd, to fill the appointment there.

We learn that Bro. S. H. Bashor will begin a meeting at West Alexandria, Ohio, about the first of March.

Bro. Mason delivered a lecture in Nappanee, Ind., on the 31st, on his travels in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Bro. I. D. Bowman commenced a protracted meeting at the Fairview church, near Washington, C. H., Ohio, last Saturday.

It seems a long time since Bro. McFaden has been heard from. This week he gives an account of the glorious meeting in Johnstown.

Bro. J. D. McFaden is expected to visit Ashland soon, and he will probably favor us with a lecture at the College Chapel.

Another church has been dedicated, this time near Akron, Ind., and named the New Highland Church. A glorious meeting was held subsequently.

The 'battle at Bunker Hill,' Ind., still goes on, with Bro. Wm. W. Summers in command. The enemy is stubborn, but some are captured at about every meeting. The work goes on, praise the Lord.

Bro. A. M. Ridenour is now holding a meeting at the Mount Pleasant church, in his charge, near Bryan, Ohio. When last heard from there were three applicants for baptism, and the prospects for more were good.

Bro. Geo. DeBolt will commence a protracted meeting at South Bend, Ind., in about a week. Bro. DeBolt will have an ample field to work in there. The city is one of the largest in which there is a Brethren church.

Bro. Josiah Keim is still at work in the Winchester church in the Miami Valley. The meetings are attended by large congregations, and good results will follow. Bro. Keim is determined to stay until he can leave without using the old story about quitting too soon.

We are happy to know that the Farmersville church is in an excellent working condition. Perfect harmony prevails and the brethren and sisters are happy in the experience of true brotherly-love. Bro. J. M. Tombaugh, is their pastor, and as such his influence is like the influence was of Him who went about doing good.

On Jan. 28th, Bro. A. M. T. Miller, of Beatrice, Neb., wrote us that Bro. S. P. Stevens baptized three the day before. 'The brethren had to cut the ice twenty-two inches thick, but faith in God's promises was a greater power than chilly waves. We expect to be able to report more in a few days on the success of our meeting now in progress.'

Bro. Bashor, when last heard from, was working away the best he could, at Flora, Ind., with large meetings and some results. We are sorry that he is so afflicted with a cold that he is hardly able to speak, and not in a fit condition to bear the wear upon the system that attends revival work. We sincerely hope an early recovery may enable him to labor with his usual energy. He is probably now at Mexico, Ind.

A VIEW OF THE FIELD.—A view at the Master's field at this time is full of inspiration for any one who is delighted to see the horns of salvation sounding. Bro. S. H. Bashor is at Mexico, Ind., where he will no doubt wage a good warfare and organize a new Brethren church with the excellent brethren who are now there and those whom the Lord may add. Brother Josiah Keim is preaching away at Winchester in the Miami Valley. Bro. I. D. Bowman is opening a contest against sin at the Fairview church, Ohio. Bro. J. Allen Miller is having enthusiastic meetings at Buckeye city, Ohio. Bro. E. Mason is at North Manchester, probably, and just closed at Nappanee, Ind. Bro. I. Kilhefner is having a glorious meeting at Brighton, Ind. Bro. S. W. Stevens is raising King Immanuel's banner high in Beatrice, Neb. Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt is or soon will be shouting the teachings of salvation in South Bend, Ind. Bro. A. M. Ridenour is gathering in the lost near Bryan, Ohio. Bro. W. C. Perry is holding the Gospel of salvation to the people near Roann, Ind. Bro. J. H. Swihart is in the vicinity of Elkhart, Ind., waging a good warfare for Christ. Bro. W. W. Summers is holding a victorious 'battle at Bunker Hill,' Ind. The other half of the field has not been heard from. But there is enough encouragement in this scene as it is to gratify the humble.

It is with thankfulness to the Lord that we can announce that the difficulty existing in the Ankneytown, or North Liberty church in Ohio, are parctically settled, and Bro. I. D. Bowman will be the future pastor of the church. The organization is one of the largest in the brotherhood and has a most promising future before it. Many reports have gone out about this church, being one where a church of the class known as Leedy brethren existed. The church is woven together by family relationship and inter-marriage in such a way that it cannot do the successful work that it should only as a harmonious organization. No better members can be found in any church that the rank and file of that church, hospitable, kind, devoted, benevolent, well-to-do. The membership represents a money capital of about $300,000. It has two excellent church buildings, and there is no reason why it should not be the banner church of Ohio, and we believe it will be, before another year is ended. Great credit is due Bro. W. J. H. Bauman for the good work he did in the interests of peace and harmony in the church, and Bro. I. D. Bowman for doing the work of a peace maker. In this he was greatly assisted by Bro. C. Swank. We shall take special interest in reporting the progress of the work there, as from that place many reports have been circulated, derogatory to the good purposes of the Brethren church as a general brotherhood. May the divine benediction rest upon the North Liberty Brethren church, and its works for the Master prove the most meritorious.

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